Over the years the Millstein Library has been very fortunate in receiving donations through the internal Pitt-Greensburg campaign, the sale of library friend cards, and memorials. We have used these funds to offer a scholarship each year to any Pitt Greensburg student accepted into a masters program in library or information science. We also help fund the new Comp 2 award and various student events on campus.

This year we tried something a little different by teaming up with Sigma Tau Delta (the English honor society) to sell Keurig coffee in the library. The students in this group check and maintain the inventory and sales while we make the deposits and purchase the coffee and other items. In our first year we have realized about $500 in profit, splitting it between the Friends and the honor society. Additionally we have begun to offer candy for sale by the UPG Spanish Club.

This is new territory for us, but we are happy that our students are joining us for this ride. Today, we just want to send out a big shout to all our friends....

ACRL CONFERENCE

On April 10-13, Public Services Librarians Amanda Folk and Anna Mary Williford attended the Association of College and Research Libraries conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Both Amanda and Anna Mary found the conference to be very helpful to their professional development and public services work at the Millstein Library:

“ACRL is a wonderful conference because you not only get to attend high-quality and engaging sessions on all aspects of academic libraries, but you have the opportunity to network with other academic librarians from across the country,” said Amanda Folk.

“I attended several great sessions at ACRL – it is always so much better to hear presenters speak about a paper than to just read it in a journal! I also enjoy the value of networking with colleagues from other institutions that I normally work with via email or over the phone. I came away with lots of ideas that I can use in my work here,” said Anna Mary Williford.
S P R I N G  W I N D O W  D I S P L A Y S

Jim Vikartosky’s displays featured books written by and about Ernest Hemingway.

Diane Hughes’s displays featured the history of the UPG Children’s Literature Conference.

F R I E N D S  O F  T H E  M I L L S T E I N  L I B R A R Y

The Friends of the Millstein Library are alumni, retired and current faculty and staff members, students, and members of the community who are interested in promoting and supporting the library and its activities.

The group offers an annual $500 scholarship to a Pitt-Greensburg senior majoring in library or information science.

Anyone may join the Millstein Friends. There are various categories:

- Pitt Alumni who have graduated from any campus may become a Friend of the Millstein Library for only $10 per year.
- Friend is a member of the community or a graduate of another institution for $25 per year.
- Family (up to four members of a family) may become a friend of the library for $50 per year.

As a Friend of the Millstein Library, you will have access to approximately 100,000 items in the library, including books, CDs, and DVDs. For more information, go to: http://www.library.pitt.edu/green/friends.html

The Friends of the Millstein Library sponsored free coffee again this year for students in the library during the last two weeks of the term.

UP G  C U R R I C U L U M  C O L L E C T I O N  K I T S

Artifacts from around the world that were previously part of the Helen Wirsing Collection have been converted into kits and added to the Curriculum Collection. The kits are organized by continent, region, or country to best keep similar items together. The kits can circulate, and they are good classroom instructional tools for students in the education program.

Artifacts contained in the kits include figurines, plates, spoons, cups, dolls, wood carvings, ceramics, and other interesting educational items.

Helen Wirsing was a Greensburg resident and public school teacher who spent her summers traveling the world. She donated artifacts, photos, and slides to the Millstein Library.

The Friends of the Millstein Library created the window displays inside the library’s main entrance and exit for the months of February through May.
NEW MATERIALS

NOTE: ACCESS TO ULS DATABASES IS RESTRICTED TO CURRENT PITT FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS

ULS Databases
- ProQuest Statistical Abstract of the U.S.
- Entertainment Industry Magazine Archive

Books at UPG
- Hearts and Mines
- Killer Fat
- Reaching for the Stars
- Declaring his Genius
- Mobile DNA
- Kimberly’s Flight
- Eighty Days
- Girls and their Comics
- Present Shock

DVDs/Blu-Rays at UPG
- Argo
- Flight
- Hemingway & Gellhorn
- The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
- Les Miserables
- Lincoln
- Life of Pi
- Zero Dark Thirty

STUDENT EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Thank you to all our student employees for a great year at the Millstein Library: Horia Ali, Steph Cozza, Chelsea Fetters, Marley Lafferty, April Morris, Jordan Ney, and Dan Willis. All student employees received a University Library System travel mug and bag of treats.

Horia Ali will be graduating after working in the library for four years. Chelsea Fetters, April Morris, and Dan Willis received certificates for working in the library for two years. Dan Willis received this year’s standout student award. Jordan Ney and April Morris scored the top two most points for the question of the week award.

Student employees are a valuable part of the Millstein Library staff. They provide information desk service, shelve and process items, cover books, and make sure the collection is in order. Every year, the ULS holds a student employee appreciation day to recognize their efforts. Congratulations and good luck to our student employees who are graduating or transferring to Oakland.

FEATURED DVDS IN THE LIBRARY

Argo is now available on DVD in the Millstein Library. The film won three Academy Awards including best picture, and was nominated for four others. Argo stars Ben Affleck, Bryan Cranston, Alan Arkin, and John Goodman.

The plot is based on the true story of a secret CIA plan to free six American diplomats trapped in Iran during the 1980 hostage crisis. Affleck plays Tony Mendez, the CIA agent who frees the diplomats by pretending they are part of a film crew for a fake sci-fi movie called Argo.

The film adds several fictional dramatic elements to make the escape more suspenseful than what actually happened. Alan Arkin and John Goodman are hilarious in their supporting roles making the fake film Argo seem as authentic as possible. The DVD also includes interesting bonus material where the real people involved in the incident are interviewed.